

B.C.-bound ships denied entry to port until security status confirmed

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VANCOUVER (CP) _ Three B.C.-bound ships have fallen afoul of Canada's tough new port security rules and are awaiting clearance before they can enter local **ports**.

While new international maritime laws came into effect July 1, even tougher regulations were laid out for entry to **ports** in Canada and the U.S.

“There are three vessels off of the West Coast that have been denied entry into Canadian waters until their security status can be clarified,” said Bernard Pilon of Transport Canada. “They either have to provide the information to us or to demonstrate proof that they have the appropriate security certificate.”

Pilon would give no further details on the nature of the ships or which B.C. port is their destination. Pilon explained that every vessel wishing to enter Canada has to report their arrival at least 96 hours before they dock.

Each vessel must carry an international ship security certificate.